

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Collectively, our nation strives to encourage greatness and achievement in our young people; and,

*Whereas*, National Gymnastics Day, presented by Mrs. Smith's FlipIt Cake, seeks to introduce the value of physical fitness for every age, race, gender, and ability level; and,

*Whereas*, Gymnastics provides a great foundation and offers skills for a lifetime; and,

*Whereas*, USA Gymnastics is celebrating National Gymnastics Day on August 2, 2003, to help bring attention to the sport of gymnastics, and to encourage and promote physical fitness; and,

*Whereas*, On National Gymnastics Day, gymnastics clubs across the United States partner with USA Gymnastics to heighten the visibility of the sport and encourage participation at the grassroots level; and,

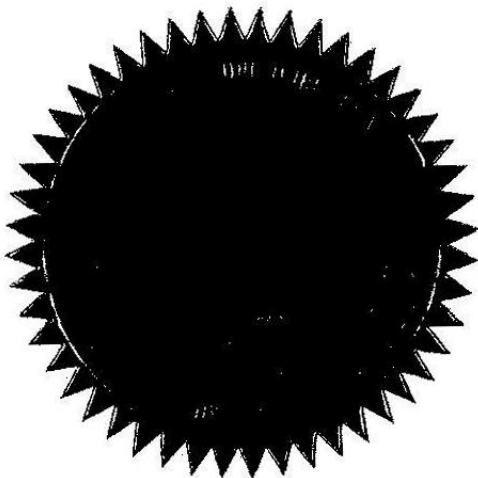
*Whereas*, Participation in gymnastics is a fun way to build strength, flexibility and coordination, and enhance self-esteem and goal-setting abilities; and,

*Whereas*, National Gymnastics Day aims to serve the greater community ideals to provide comfort to children who are unable to provide for themselves by raising funds and awareness for the Children's Miracle Network:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby join the team of National Gymnastics Day Chairs, Olympic Champion Mary Lou Retton, and Olympic Coach Bela Karolyi in proclaiming August 2, 2003, as

## *NATIONAL GYMNASTICS DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State